## CHAOTIC PLASMA PHASE SYNCHRONIZED MODEL

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Two oscillators are said to be phase synchronized when they are in step with each other while their amplitudes remain completely uncorrelated. Here we are studying a model for experimental phase synchronization of chaotic plasma. Our goal is to develop a better understanding of the phase synchronization process and how it evolves depending on different values of control parameters. To model our chaotic system we are using a numerical simulation consisting of three differential equations with one equation having a nonlinear term, which is responsible for the chaotic behavior of our system. We are trying to force our system by adding a sinusoidal wave, which has the same dominant frequency as our chaotic system. This model is based on a true experimental setup where a plasma discharge tube is forced with a low amplitude periodic oscillator.